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September 2, 2005

VIA UPS NEXT DAY AIR

Vernon A. Williams
Surface Transportation Board
1925 "K" Street, N.W., Room 504
Washington, DC 20423-0001

RE: Proposed Abandonment of an Eastern Portion of the Bristow Subdivision from M.P. 318.36 near Hampton to the end of the Line at M.P. 294.75 at Allison, a distance of 23.61 miles in Franklin and Butler Counties, Iowa; STB Docket No. AB-33 (Sub-No. 200X)

Dear Mr. Williams:

Union Pacific Railroad Company ("Union Pacific") has received a request from the Iowa Trails Council dated August 31, 2005 for an additional 180-day extension in which to complete negotiations for the acquisition under the provisions 16 U.S.C. §1247(d) and 49 C.F.R. § 1152.29 regarding that portion of the Union Pacific's right-of-way known as the Eastern Portion of the Bristow Subdivision from Milepost 318.36 near Hampton, Iowa to the end of the Line at Milepost 294.75 at Allison, Iowa, a distance of 23.61 miles in Franklin and Butler Counties, Iowa. The Union Pacific is willing to continue negotiating with the Iowa Trails Council concerning the acquisition of the subject property for trail use and supports the Council's request for an additional 180-day extension in which to negotiate. A copy of the Iowa Trails Council's request is attached hereto as Exhibit "A" and hereby made a part hereof.

Ten (10) additional copies of this letter with exhibits are enclosed for the Board's use and distribution.

Sincerely yours,

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cc: Iowa Trails Council

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EXHIBIT A

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Tom F. Neenan, Executive Director

August 31, 2005

Mr. Vernon Williams, Secretary
Surface Transportation Board
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Re. AB 33 (Sub No. 200X)

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Dear Mr. Secretary:

Our negotiations with the Union Pacific Railroad for the acquisition of the 23.6 mile railroad right-of-way known as the eastern portion of the Bristow Subdivision in Franklin and Butler Counties in Iowa, are on a continuing basis but more time is required in order to consummate a purchase agreement.

Would you please extend the time in which to finalize these negotiations for an additional six months, at least to March 15, 2006? We thank you for this consideration.

The first copy of this request is being transmitted via FAX. Ten copies via regular mail are also being submitted.

A copy of this request is being provided to the Union Pacific Railroad offices in Chicago and Omaha. We anticipate the Railroad's acquiescence in this extension of time.

Sincerely,

Tom F. Neenan

Affiliates: American Discovery Trail Society-American Hiking Society-Rails/Trails Conservancy-American Trails